

# CARKEEK PARK

ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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## Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center

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Phone: 206-684-0877 Fax 206-364-4685

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### Hours of operation

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Holiday closures

Monday, September 4, Labor Day

Friday, November 10, Veterans' Day (observed)

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24,

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Monday, January 1, 2007, New Year's Day

### Program registration

Register now.

### Program dates

September – December 2006

### About Carkeek Park

**Location:** Carkeek Park is located in northwest Seattle and is accessed by heading west on NW 110th street from 3rd Ave NW. The park is open from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily. The Environmental Learning Center Campus is just inside the main gate entrance and is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Park amenities include Environmental Learning Center, Play Area, Picnic Shelters, Trail System (including ADA accessible trails), View Meadows, Beach Access, and Salmon Spawning Creeks. Call 206-684-4081 for picnic shelter reservations.

**Park rules:** Dogs are allowed in the park but must be on leash at all times. No dogs are allowed on the beach or in the wetlands. Walkers and joggers are encouraged to enjoy our extensive trail system. No bikes are allowed on forest trails (except Piper's Creek Trail); however, paved roads allow for great rides!

### Mission

Seattle Parks and Recreation will work with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment, and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate, and build community.

## How to Find Us

Carkeek Park is located in the northwest part of Seattle at 950 NW Carkeek Park Road (north of the Holman Road NW QFC and west of Viewlands Elementary School).



## Facility Rentals

The award-winning Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center is the perfect location for retreats, community events, evening classes, ceremonies, receptions, birthday parties, and family gatherings. The Environmental Learning Center is over 800 square feet and has a 60-person capacity. It is available for rent until 9 p.m. most evenings. **Call 684-0877 to find out fees and other information.**

### Rentals

For information about room rentals, please view our facility rental brochure. (<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/reservations/facrentalguide.htm>)

### Professional staff

Ken Bounds, Superintendent

B. J. Brooks, Deputy Superintendent

Kathie Huus, Special Units Manager

Adam Cole, Acting Environmental

Learning Centers Manager

Belinda Chin, Education Program Supervisor

Brian Gay, Naturalist

Beth Miller, Watershed Outreach Specialist

Kalanite Tupou, Recreation Attendant

### Carkeek Park Advisory Council

**Current members include:** Executive Board: Fran Clifton, President; Linda Sawyer, Vice President;

Carey Chaplin, Secretary; Lex Voorhoeve, Treasurer.

**General Members:** Shirley Anderson, Dean Fournier, David Frances, Doug Gresham, Carolyn Kruse, Nancy Malmgren, Peter Marx, Gudrun Murti, Stuart Triolo.

### Suggestions

We welcome your ideas. If you want to suggest a new class, or if you have an idea you think would benefit us or our community in general, please let us know.

### E-Brochures are available!

In keeping with our environmental stewardship policies, we're trying to reduce the amount of paper we use. We invite you to visit our web site at [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks), where you can find our seasonal brochures online.

# Naturalist's Notebook

*This piece is dedicated to former UW professor Grant William Sharpe who died peacefully of age-related causes on January 17, 2006.*



Preschoolers and their parents on a Tyke Hike last spring sat with me early one afternoon and stopped to feel the wind. They passed by plants along the trail, and, after they learned to distinguish nettles from other plants, they touched moss, swordfern, and salal. Of thimbleberry leaves, one said with quiet surprise, "It's so soft."

Preschool children, elementary students, teens and adults; all of us have begun to swear off touching nature. Children have less unstructured outdoor time due to our fears of traffic, poison ivy, West Nile virus, and, especially, of kidnappers and sexual predators. But the national stranger abduction rate has held steady at 200 to 300 per year for over a decade.

A creek, a tall grass meadow, outdoor solitude. These most essential ingredients in our everyday existence are growing more and more distant from our conscious experience. And, as we have often heard, there is a relationship between absence or inaccessibility of urban parks and open space with high crime rates, depression, and other maladies. Of course, choosing to avoid them amounts to absence.

Structured sports may help. They, at least, help keep the obesity epidemic at bay and get us outside. But they don't stimulate the imagination in the way that natural outdoor activity does. Childhood education researcher Mary Rivkin says, "Cognitive development depends on having a certain level of complexity in landscape." She urges play space designers, including parents at home, to add shade, native plants, access to a hose, places to sit and talk, and opportunities for privacy and surprise.

For families without backyards or where the backyard isn't enough, I suggest that many of these elements can be found at local parks and nature centers. Carkeek Park, Camp Long, Seward Park and Discovery Park are easy places to find, but there are also other complex landscapes all over the city without a nature center. From the Washington Park Arboretum to the West Duwamish Greenbelt, you may find the mixture of forest layers and diversity of life that stimulates creativity and creates calm in a busy city.

One benefit of the nature centers is they offer a blend of the familiar structured activity with the chance to experience forests, running water, and animals. The naturalists and programs use the best teaching methods to reach each individual child and, where possible, inspire in them the desire to continue the experience.

Then, the most important question parents, educators, and nature protection organizations should be asking, is how to get kids to care about the future. Experiencing the outdoors gives tools to start thinking about our impacts on watersheds a different way. It gives us the life-influencing transcendental events that produce leaders who care about the environment. It makes us remember our relationships to our world.

In short, nature contact has always been necessary for us and our kids, yet taken for granted. But, strange as it may seem, though it is available, it is granted less and less. As a counter, confront your fears and get kids directly engaged in nature. Get their hands dirty, their feet wet. And be sure to touch the thimbleberry leaves.

Brian Gay  
Carkeek Naturalist



# Fun Things to Do



## Carkeek Tyke Hikes are for you!

Share nature with your children. Down in a hidden valley where the grass and ferns grow 'neath the tall old trees is a special place for you and your child to explore. **Tyke Hikes** provide you with the tools to help your child love the outdoors.

You and a naturalist will share a new subject each week (for example, water, color & shapes, growth, signs of nature etc.) through stories, songs, crafts and outdoor activities. The same subject is offered both Tuesdays and Thursdays for 10 weeks. Register for the Tuesday series or the Thursday series only. Minimum 8 tykes per program day. Meet at Carkeek Environmental Learning Center. **Pre-register at (206)684-0877**  
**Tuesdays 10 – 11:15 a.m. Oct 10 – Dec 5**  
**Thursdays 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Oct 5 – Dec 7**

**Fees: \$35.00 per child for entire series or \$5.00 per child per session. If a child is coming for only one session, phone ahead for space.**

**Ages 3 to 5 years old with an adult**

**Maximum 3 children per adult**

## Lifelong Recreation



### Wreath Making

Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Join us as we take fresh cut boughs of holly, cedar, and pine and make wreaths or door ornaments to decorate for the holidays.

**Register beginning September 18 at 8 a.m. by calling Carol Baxter at 206-233-7138.**

**Thu, Nov 30 10 a.m. – Noon**  
**Fees:\$5**

## Discovery Day Packs

For an “on-your-own”, environmental learning experience for small groups (6-8 children with an adult), Discovery Daypacks are available at the Environmental Learning Center. Come borrow our Forest or Wetland Ecology Packs today! This is ideal for small daycare groups and families. Each backpack comes filled with games, craft ideas, magnifying glasses, dip nets, field tools, field guides, and more for exploring Carkeek Park!

“Pack” activities

- \* are free, one per small group
- \* are designed for children **Grades K – 5**
- \* require adult supervision
- \* focus on self-guided group-oriented education

Check-out a free backpack with a valid Washington Driver's License or credit card. Backpacks are available Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and must be returned by 3 p.m.

## Sunday Bird Walks

**September 17, October 15, November 19**

**Meet at 9:00 am at Carkeek Environmental Learning Center**

Beginners and families welcome! Learn to find and identify common, as well as unusual, birds in Carkeek Park.

These walks are free to the public, and planned to accomodate all levels of experience. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather. Leaders provided by Seattle Audubon Society.

## Family Fridays

Come join us for an evening of family fun and activities on Fridays starting in October. Past Fridays have included evening hikes, arts & crafts projects, storytelling, science workshops, and film screenings. **Advance registration required; please call 206-684-0877.**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**

**Fee: Free**

# Living Green Programs

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## Green Materials for Home Interiors

Alicia Silva, founder of Greener Lifestyles, is an Interior Design professional who works with developers that specialize in green building and LEED certification. She is very knowledgeable about a wide selection of applications for your living and bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom. Learn what makes these products 'Green' and how they really perform. You will be able to touch and see a wide variety of products including: Flooring options, paint qualities, tiles, carpet, and countertops. **Please register by November 2 by calling 206-684-0877.**

**Instructor: Alicia Silva, LEED AP, SBA(sustainable building advisor)**

**Thu, Nov 9**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

**Fees: Free**

## Intro to Green Living

Considering a remodel? Help is here! Learn to incorporate health, efficiency and environmental performance into your home improvements. This two-hour workshop will explain what makes a remodel "green," describe how the green remodeling approach is distinct from conventional remodeling, and show case studies of real Seattle remodels. Samples of green materials and recommended books will also be displayed, and there will be plenty of opportunity for project-specific questions.

Thor Peterson is the Residential Green Building specialist with Seattle Department of Planning and Development, and has over seven years of experience working with conservation and green building programs. He is a graduate of the Sustainable Building Advisor Certificate program, and author of Seattle's Green Home Remodel guides. **Please register by October 5 by calling 206-684-0877.**

**Thu, Oct 12**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

**Fees: Free**

## Natural Water Management for the Home

This presentation discusses the importance and techniques of restoring/healing the hydrology in the built environment to pre-development levels. Mike Broili, director of Well Home Program at Phinney Neighborhood Association, has extensive experience in the construction trades as a contractor and designer with a low impact and sustainable approach to environmentally sensitive ventures. Join Mike in an in-depth discussion about passive and active rainwater harvesting and management strategies. Mike will reveal the mysteries of rainwater harvesting systems for flushing toilets, how to design rain gardens, vegetated roofs, waterwalls, best soil management practices and many other techniques for managing rainwater on site.

**Please register by October 6 by calling 206-684-0877**

**Sat, Oct 14**

**2 – 4 p.m.**

**Fees: Free**

## Naturescaping Workshop

Keep your eyes open for the Naturescaping workshops the first week of December. Participants learn design principles and techniques for making their yard both lower maintenance and friendlier for fish, people and wildlife. Sound interesting? **Call**

**206-386-4162 to get more details or e-mail creekstewardintern@seattle.gov**

**Instructor: Bob Spencer Seattle Public Utilities**

## Residential Solar Power: Photovoltaic Assembly for Real People

Solar Power in the Pacific Northwest? It is not a fantasy. Come get the nuts and bolts facts about solar power. This hands-on, expert-led workshop will guide you step by step through preliminary design and assembly of a residential scale photovoltaic system. See the Carkeek solar array in action and tour two other local projects with Mike Nelson, co-founder of the Northwest Solar Center. Bring a sack lunch. **Please pre-register by November 10 by calling 206-684-0877**

**Sat, Nov 18**

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Fees: Free**

# Watershed Programs

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## Fish-Friendly Car Wash Kit Available at Carkeek Park

Car washes can be terrific fundraisers, and a great way to build community. However, if a car wash is done incorrectly it can hurt local fish and other wildlife. Most of the storm drains and ditches around Carkeek Park and the neighborhoods of Blue Ridge, Broadview, Crown Hill and Greenwood connect to Piper's Creek, so soapy water, dirt, and phosphates get into the creek. Seattle Public Utilities has developed a car wash kit you can borrow which collects the soapy water and pumps it to a sanitary connection. (SPU will loan you the pump, catch basin insert, hose and extension cord.) The kit is available at Carkeek Park.

**To borrow the kit for your next community car wash fundraiser or find out more call 206-684-0877. A \$25 fully-refundable deposit is required when borrowing the kit.**

## Free Piper's Creek Watershed Tours

Curious about the new street drainage projects in Broadview? Want to see the new sustainably-designed Environmental Learning Center at Carkeek Park? Always wondered what the "Welcome to Piper's Creek Watershed" sign really is about? Free tours are available for groups of 8 or more. **Call Beth Miller at 206-684-0877 for more information or to schedule your group.**

## Join the Carkeek Park Citizen Water Quality Monitoring Team

Learn what water characteristics are important to the health of Piper's Creek aquatic life, special needs of the salmon and how you can help protect the water quality of Puget Sound. Learn how to use water quality monitoring tests. **For more information call Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116.**

Sponsored by: CWCAP, Piper's Creek Watershed Interpretive Program, SPU's Creek Steward Program, and Carkeek Park.

## Biological Monitoring in Seattle Creeks

The aquatic insects or macroinvertebrates that live in the gravel of our creeks are a good indicator of the biological integrity of a creek system. They are small, abundant, and easy to monitor. ... Seattle Public Utilities Volunteer Monitors will receive training in principles of biological monitoring and specific hands-on instruction on how to collect the samples.

At this evening workshop you'll learn about common macroinvertebrates, proper sampling protocol, and what bug monitoring tells us about local creeks. You'll need to attend the workshop and be able to collect bug samples in Longfellow, Taylor, and Fauntleroy Creeks the following Saturday, September 16.

Space is limited! **To register contact:** Laura Reed, Seattle Public Utilities Surface Water Quality Monitoring Team, at 206 615-0551 or [laura.reed@seattle.gov](mailto:laura.reed@seattle.gov)

### *Stream Bug Monitoring Training*

**Tue, Sep 12** **7 – 9 p.m.**

**Location: High Point Community Center,**

### *Stream Sampling*

**Sat, Sep 16** **9 a.m. – Noon**

**Note: training is required for all those who wish to sample stream bugs.**

## Water Quality and You!

You are invited to an exciting and educational conference on the effects of global warming and water quality. Dr. Gary Minton, environmental engineering specialist, will be conducting an independent overview of water quality in Piper's Creek. In addition, Mayor Greg Nickels is invited to speak on what Seattle is doing to help reduce global warming effects through Seattle's Restore Our Waters program. The conference will be taped for the Nathan Hale High School website.

**For more information, please call Nancy Malmgren at 206-363-4116.**

**Wed, Oct 18** **7 – 9 p.m.**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**

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## Hands-On Activities to Help the Salmon

Come join the Carkeek STARS and Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project volunteers and help clean up the trail and landscape beds in preparation for the return of the salmon. Learn what kind of conditions are important for salmon survival and support us in creek monitoring. Have fun working as a Creek Steward. Snacks will be provided, but bring a lunch. **For more information please call Cynthia Wilson at 781-2263**

**Sat, Oct 21**

**9 a.m. – Noon**

**Fees: Free**

## Piper's Creek Restoration Planting

Part of the first Annual Green Seattle Day! Volunteers are needed to help with planting vegetation along the new creek restoration project area in the Piper's Creek Wetland. A Green Seattle Partnership Event, brought to you by SPU's Creek Steward Program, Seattle Parks and Cascade Land Conservancy.

**Sat, Nov 4**

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

## Piper's Creek Watershed Council Meeting

The Piper's Creek Watershed Council is the group of shareholder agencies and community groups responsible for tracking the implementation of the Piper's Creek Watershed Action Plan. They meet two times a year to hear updates on watershed projects and special presentations on issues that impact water quality. meetings are open to the public. **For more information please call Beth Miller (206) 386-9154.**

**Thu, Nov 2 4 – 6:30 p.m.**



## Salmon Festivities

Come see the yearly salmon run from mid-November to early December. Talk with our trained Salmon Stewards and learn all about the salmon's life cycle and habitat. At the Environmental Learning Center, a film about Chief Seattle will be shown from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with refreshments and beverages provided. Entertainment and fun for all ages.

**Fri, Nov 24**

**11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

## Salmon Steward Training

Do you have the desire to educate others about the wonders of the outdoor world? Do you want to learn more about Salmon's Life Cycle? Looking for a reason to spend more time outside during fall and winter? Come to Carkeek and learn about the importance of salmon and how to talk to visitors about them. We will ask that you sign up for four 3-hour shifts between November and early December to wander the wetlands or staff a table and answer visitors' questions. A great way to get your school service hours. (Bring your calendar and a bag lunch!)

**Please pre-register by calling 206-684-0877**

**Sat, Oct 14**

**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Fees: Free**

## Watch for the Homecoming of the Chum Salmon!

Last Christmas over 100 chum salmon returned to the creeks at Carkeek Park. This year you can be there to greet the tired pilgrims. Come visit our Salmon Stewards and find out about the Chum's lifecycle of perils. Watch as these amazing creatures make their way up Piper's Creek to build their nests and come to their final resting place. Learn what you can do to improve the chances of restoring the salmon to Carkeek Park. Meet along Piper's Creek at the Salmon Viewing Spots. Saturdays, Sundays and the Friday after Thanksgiving.

**Nov 18 – Dec 10**

**11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**



# Volunteer Opportunities

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## Be a Creek Steward

Creek Stewards adopt and care for habitat plantings along a creek, monitor their sites, and have the opportunity to learn more about creek related topics through site stewardship workshops.

**Location:** Creekside sites in Thornton, Longfellow and Piper's Creek.

**Contact Information:** Call Bob Spencer, Seattle Public Utilities Creek Steward Program Coordinator at (206)684-4163 for details.

## Carkeek Area Neighbors (CAN)

This is a public gathering of neighbors and friends of Carkeek Park to discuss community safety issues. Meetings are held the second Wednesday evening of each month starting at 6:30 pm at the Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center. Open to the public. For more information, contact Jack Heavner - facilitator for C.A.N. 206-782-7054

## Master Foresters

Train to understand and work in native urban forest restoration as a Master Forester with Carkeek Naturalist Brian Gay and Carkeek Forest Steward Lex Voorhoeve. Carkeek's Master Foresters will be trained and certified as skilled volunteers, stewards, and leaders to restore forests in an urban setting, using Carkeek Park as the outdoor classroom. The Master Foresters' work supports the Green Seattle Partnership that seeks to eradicate non-native species in public forests within city boundaries in 20 years. A forest of opportunity awaits you! **Call 206-684-0877 for more information and to register.**

**11 Saturday training days September 30 – February 24, and a few work parties**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon; dates & times for work parties to be announced in class**

**Cost: \$25.00 for the entire series**

**Classes meet at Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**

## Llandover Woods Open Space

Llandover Woods is located at NW 145th St / 3rd Ave NW, just north of Carkeek Park. It is a 9+acre woodlands with trails, and is cared for in large part by volunteers, the Stewards for Llandover Woods. Community activism and the enthusiastic support of concerned neighbors led to Llandover Woods being established as a park.

Stewards for Llandover Woods will be hosting a work party each month to restore habitats at risk from invasive plants.

Be there at 9 a.m. for a bird walk to explore the jewels of Llandover. Volunteers will remove invasives from 10 a.m. – Noon. Tools, gloves and instructions will be provided.

**For additional information, please contact Glenn Austin 206-364-9252 or [gaustin@path.org](mailto:gaustin@path.org) Registration is required.**





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## Wetlands Work Parties

Wetlands are important wildlife habitat areas, and are natural filtration systems for keeping watersheds healthy. Come help with the continuous restoration of Carkeek Park's Wetlands area. Activities include invasive removal, planting and general maintenance to improve wetlands water quality. Be prepared to get your feet wet and come participate in this unique volunteer opportunity. **For more information and Saturday schedule, e-mail Scott Stolnack at [scott.stolnack@ptk.org](mailto:scott.stolnack@ptk.org) or call (206)527-8353.**

Co-sponsored by SPU Creek Stewards Program and Carkeek Park. Pre-registration is required.

## Carkeek Outdoor Work Parties

### **Carkeek STARS**

Looking for exercise, camaraderie, and a fun way to help the community? Join us at Carkeek park and become one of our "**STARS**" (**S**tream, **T**rails **A**nd **R**eforestation **S**tewards)! We are continually restoring and improving our native landscape. Help us in our efforts to keep the invasive plants at bay; create safe, user-friendly trails; replenish our native forests; and protect our streams from erosion and run-off. We have outdoor work parties every third Saturday of the month year-round.

**Registration is required.** For information contact Cynthia Wilson at [cynthiawilson20@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiawilson20@yahoo.com) or 206-781-2263. Work gloves provided. Please wear sturdy shoes (no open toes or sandals).

**Sat, Sep 16**  
**Sat, Oct 21**

**Sat, Nov 18**  
**Sat, Dec 16**

## Western Cascade Fruit Society Opportunities

The Western Cascade Fruit Society is made up of chapters throughout Western Washington whose members are aspiring hobby orchardists and backyard fruit growers. They enjoy growing fruit-bearing trees, shrubs and vines around their homes in the Puget Sound area. The Society encourages novice fruit growers in their selecting and cultivating of fruit varieties that grow well in this region.

### **Piper Orchard Chapter Volunteer Work Parties**

Join the Western Cascade Fruit Society/Piper Orchard Chapter in maintaining the historic Piper's orchard in Carkeek Park. Volunteers prune, trim and clear debris.

**3rd Saturday of the Month\* 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**\*except July, August, and Decemeber**

**Location: Carkeek Park**

**Registration is required for Piper's Orchard work parties. Contact President Paul Donaldson at [pdpiper@aol.com](mailto:pdpiper@aol.com) or 206-364-0161.**

### **Seattle Tree Fruit Society**

**President:** David Conners  
[applesandmore@hotmail.com](mailto:applesandmore@hotmail.com)

**Vice President:** Greg Giuliani  
[dasgoog@hotmail.com](mailto:dasgoog@hotmail.com)

**Saturdays 9:30 a.m.**  
**Fall Meeting Dates: Oct 7, Nov 11, Dec 9**

**Location: Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center**

## Earn Service Learning Credits

Satisfy your Environmental Science or Service Learning requirements while exploring the wilds of Carkeek Park. Under the direction of Carkeek Habitat staff, you will receive instruction and participate in backyard habitat maintenance, invasive plant removal, salmon habitat restoration and reforestation activities. We also have docent environmental education opportunities throughout the year.

# Cool Things to See and Do in Carkeek Park

We encourage you to discover the secrets of the Piper's Creek Watershed. Enjoy the park, but remember: please do not disturb or take anything — there are urban natural systems at work!

- Walk around the natural and backyard wildlife habitat demonstration gardens surrounding the Environmental Learning Center campus to learn about native plants and wildlife corridors.
- Roam the trails of Carkeek Park. The Civilian Conservation Corps originally built many of the trails and the stone shelter in 1934.
- Play at the playground. Slide through a salmon, crawl in a cave and read the petroglyphs, walk the wiggly bridge, ride the critters.
- On a low tide, walk north to Whispering Rock and look for sea stars, sea cucumbers, mussels, tubeworms, and three kinds of barnacles. Please be gentle — these critters are part of a food web that makes the Pacific Northwest unique!
- Check out the historic Piper's Orchard. The apple trees were grown by the Piper family in 1889 and the apples were taken to Pike Place Market to sell. The orchard was "rediscovered" in 1983 under blackberry brambles and restored by the Piper's Creek Orchard Chapter of the Western Cascade Fruit Society. Many species of these apples were thought to be extinct.
- See how many of the regional 100+ bird species you can identify. Stop by the Environmental Learning Center for a checklist.
- Hike the Piper's Creek trail from the McAbee entrance to the Puget Sound. Look for the glacial erratic (big rock carried from Canada by ice!) at the McAbee entrance and the large cedar stumps left after logging occurred.
- Hike the Salmon-to-Sound trail built by the Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project.
- Look for bricks from the old WW I brick factory on the beach or on the Brick Road trail on the south hillside above the model airport road.
- Wander the wetland trail. Look for wildlife tracks in the mud; salmon in the stream (seasonal); baby mallards in the large pond; resident birds in the shrubs.

- Lay in a field and just look, listen, breathe and relax in a small piece of wildness set aside in a sea of city.
- Volunteer for a project or work party in the park.

## The Pro Parks Levy is making a difference in your community

With funding approved for this eight-year levy by Seattle voters in 2000, we're building new parks, enhancing maintenance, and expanding programs throughout the city. Our recreation facilities are providing innovative teen programs that enhance self-esteem and build life skills, more environmental education to increase awareness about the wonders that surround us, swimming lessons for all 3rd and 4th graders to make sure every Seattle child knows how to swim, a wider range of activities for seniors, and more.

We're cleaning and removing litter from our facilities and parks more often; expanding park maintenance in the summer months, when use is high; and working hard to maintain our valuable landscapes, trees, and other natural assets. Whether you prefer sports or quiet contemplation, there are more active play areas and passive park lands available for you. New things are happening every day, so keep an eye out for Pro Parks Levy signs in your neighborhood!



**Pro Parks Levy**

## **Payment**

You can pay for classes and other activities by mail or in person during regular facility hours. Please make checks and money orders out to Carkeek Park Advisory Council (CPAC). Please note: Payment is due when you register, unless we have indicated otherwise. If your check is returned for insufficient funds, your registration will be cancelled until you pay the amount due, plus a \$20 fee (cash only). We are working on a system that will make online registration available in the future.

## **Refunds**

It is the policy of Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Associated Recreation Council that:

- Anyone who registers for a class, camp, special event or program that is cancelled by Parks and Recreation or the Advisory Council will receive a full refund.
- Anyone who registers for a day camp, trip, overnight camp, special event, or facility rental, and requests a refund 14 days or more before its start (or before the second session of a class), may receive a refund minus a service charge.
- Anyone who registers for a day camp, trip, overnight camp, special event, or facility rental, and who withdraws from the activity fewer than 14 days before its start (or after the second session of a class), will receive no refund.
- Please read policy, #7.16 for specific information.

## **You can make a difference!**

Advisory Council is a group of citizens dedicated to the enrichment of our community. Its support enables us to offer a variety of programs and services for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Our Advisory Council is always looking for new members. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday evening of every month to talk about programs, policies, and financial issues. Citizen direction and participation are vital to our continued success. Advisory Council members also create scholarship opportunities through grant writing and other fundraising activities. If you'd like to get involved, please contact our staff.

Most classes, workshops, sports, and special events are funded through the Advisory Council rather than through Seattle Parks and Recreation. Revenues generated through program fees offset program costs to make Advisory Council activities self-sustaining. We rely heavily on program participation, donations, and contributions to buy, repair, maintain, and upgrade program equipment and supplies.

## **Scholarships**

Our Advisory Council wants to ensure that activities, classes and sports are available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. The Council offers scholarships for qualified applicants. To apply for a scholarship, please talk to a member of our staff.

## **Interested in teaching?**

We're always looking for top quality instructors to offer courses. We offer classes based on participants' interest and space availability. If you have a special talent, skill, or knowledge you would like to share with others in a class or workshop format, please talk to a member of our staff.

## **Anti-discrimination**

As a matter of policy, law, and commitment, Seattle Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap.

## **Accommodation for people with disabilities**

We will make reasonable accommodation, upon request, for people with disabilities. For sign language interpretation, auxiliary aids or other accommodation, please call 206-615-0140 or TDD 206-684-4950. Please allow 10 working days' advance notice. If a class or activity is scheduled in an area not accessible for wheelchairs, we will make every effort to help you find a similar program in an accessible location.

## **More information**

For information about Parks and Recreation facilities, recreation programs, picnic shelters, and scheduling, please visit our web site at [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks), or call our Public Information line, 206-684-4075. For more information about senior adult programs, please call 206-684-4951; and for information about programs for special population, please call 206-684-4950.

## **Fees and charges**

Our Advisory Council provides the programs and activities listed in this brochure under an agreement with Seattle Parks and Recreation. Fees collected by the Advisory Council are used to offset the cost of providing the programs. Program charges include user fees of 3.25% paid to Seattle Parks and Recreation to defray operating costs. Class and program fees include Washington State sales tax when applicable. Fees and charges subject to change.

## **Waiting lists**

We create waiting lists for all filled classes. Please be sure to sign up if you are interested in a class that is full, because class openings often become available. If demand is high, we will try to form another class. Please contact us for space availability.

## **Class cancellations**

To cover the cost of providing a program, we need a specific number of participants. If too few people sign up for a class, we must cancel it. We'll notify you (at the latest) one or two days before the class start date. When possible, we'll postpone a cancelled class for a week to allow for more enrollments; if the class minimum is not met by then, we'll have to cancel it.



# Program Registration Form

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